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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA

REF: MADDEN/PEREZ TELECON, APRIL 26

1. THIS CABLE CONFIRMS INFORMATION CONVEYED IN REF
TELECON THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL ANNOUNCE AT NOON
BRIEFING TODAY THAT US AND USSR WILL RESUME SALT NEGOTI-
ATIONS IN GENEVA. SPOKESMAN WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

-- THE US AND THE USSR HAVE AGREED THAT THEIR DELEGATIONS
WILL RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION IN
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GENEVA BEGINNING MAY 11, 1977. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL CON-
SIDER QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE TEXT OF A SALT AGREEMENT
WHICH WERE CONSIDERED BUT NOT SETTLED IN PREVIOUS GENEVA
NEGOTIATIONS.

-- THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR. PAUL C.
WARNKE, DIRECTOR OF THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT

AGENCY, AND WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. THE SOVIET UNION WILL SEND ITS FULL SALT DELEGATION.

-- THE TWO DELEGATIONS WILL CONCENTRATE FIRST ON THE

VARIOUS QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE TEXT OF THE SALT AGREEMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IN PREVIOUS GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS BUT WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SETTLED. CURRENTLY WITH THESE GENEVA TALKS, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT US AND SOVIET OFFICIALS WILL CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON OTHER ISSUES ESSENTIAL TO THE PROMPT CONCLUSION OF A SALT AGREEMENT. AS APPROPRIATE, THESE OTHER ISSUES WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.

-- THE LAST TALKS WERE HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 21, 1976 AND NOVEMBER 20, 1976. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST SESSION SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS ADMINISTRATION ASSUMED OFFICE.

-- IN ADDITION TO THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AT OTHER LEVELS IN AN EFFORT TO CONCLUDE A SALT AGREEMENT.

2. PER INSTRUCTIONS IN REF TELECON, YOU SHOULD CONVEY FOREGOING INFORMATION TO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS AND THE PERMREPS.

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THE US AND THE USSR HAVE AGREED THAT THEIR DELEGATIONS WILL RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION IN GENEVA BEGINNING MAY 11, 1977. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL CONSIDER QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE TEXT OF A SALT AGREEMENT WHICH WERE CONSIDERED BUT NOT SETTLED IN PREVIOUS GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AT OTHER LEVELS IN AN EFFORT TO CONCLUDE A SALT AGREEMENT.

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